

TEST LOCAL OPTION

Medford Saloon Advocates Will Fight Prohibition Law

CLAIM CONFLICT WITH CHARTER

Similar Condition Exists in Klamath Falls and Test of the Law in Jackson County Will Determine Its Enforcement in this County

Medford is to be the first town in the state to test the local option law. Jackson county as a whole went dry, but Medford itself, the same as Klamath Falls, went wet. According to the law the town must go dry along with the county. In Medford the saloon keepers are not going to submit without a fight, they claiming that their charter takes precedence over the local option law. If the case wins in Medford it is very probable that it will be tried in this county. Commenting on the matter the Medford Tribune says:

"Action has been begun to prevent prohibition from going into effect in Medford, as provided under the city charter. A temporary injunction was applied for from Circuit Judge Hanna by Attorney Robert G. Smith, representing J. C. Hall, to restrain the county court from declaring prohibition in effect in Medford, as provided under the local option law. It is expected that the prohibitionist will seek to dissolve the injunction, which the wet forces will seek to have made permanent. Attorney McMillen of the Anti Saloon league is in the city, presumably to defend the league's cause."

"The charter's clause under which action is brought reads as follows: The city council shall have power and authority within the city limits of Medford to license, tax, regulate or prohibit saloons, drinking shops, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, dance halls, and all places where spirituous, malt or vinous liquors are sold or kept for sale, irrespective of any general law of the state on this subject enacted by the legislature or by the people at large." The county court is compelled by the option law to declare the result of prohibition 11 days after the election. The case will be fought at every point by the wet town advocates."

Lakeview is Lively

Lakeview is going steadily forward according to those who come from there. In discussing the situation Promoting Attorney W. J. Moore said: "The town is now livelier than it has ever been. Buildings are going up in every part of the city, and we are putting up an elegant court house. The work on this structure is going along nicely and when it is finished Lake county will have a fine court house. The large flouring mill is also being built, and it will be a big help to the town. Conditions are good in every way."

Make Temperance Beer

That the Roseburg brewery will operate after the first day of July seems quite evident at this time, the management having completed all arrangements to manufacture temperance beer, a beverage containing about 1 per cent alcohol instead of three per cent as contained in the erstwhile beer as manufactured by this firm.

Several of the saloons will handle this "drink" and seem to believe that they will be able to clear as much if not more money than previously, there being no license required for selling this article. The ice plant will also be operated, it being the intention of the stockholders of the concern to make the best of the situation.—Umpqua Valley News.

The ice cream season has begun and our parlors are open.—Manning's.

Getting Ready for the Summer at Crater Lake

Crater Lake and other Klamath resorts are becoming quite well known, and as a result it is expected that a large number of tourists will visit the National Park this season.

Will G. Steel, who has all the franchises in the park, is now devoting his time devising plans for the improvements to be made this year. The season at the lake will not open until July. The snow is still quite deep and it will be impossible to get to the lake with team and wagon until about the middle of next month. Mr. Steel is of the opinion that he will have a busy season and he will do his best to get conditions so shaped up that he can care for all visitors.

It is already certain that a number of Eastern capitalists will visit the lake this summer, and from all parts of the Pacific Coast inquiries are being received asking about the time the season opens. Many people visited the park last year, but at this time the indications are that more tourists will come this year than during any preceding year. The lake has received such extensive advertising that it is becoming

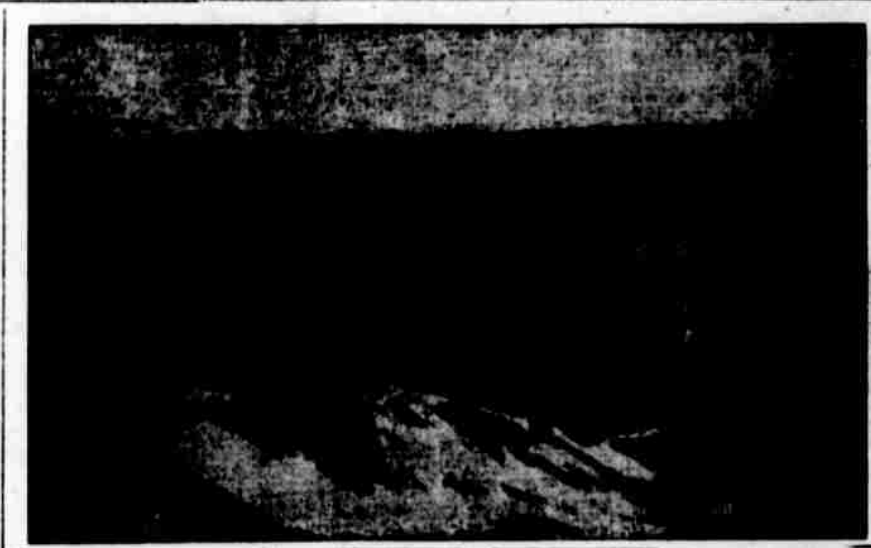
generally known that the Klamath country is the place of resorts. The fact that E. H. Harriman maintains a resort in this section has resulted in valuable publicity, and will have a tendency to bring many wealthy tourists.

Hamakar-Boller

In the presence of relatives and a few immediate friends, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Boller, in this city, yesterday evening occurred the marriage of Miss Bess M. Boller and Mr. Roy Hamakar, Rev. P. Conklin, of the M. E. church officiating.

The contracting parties are well known to the people of this city. The bride is a popular young lady and has made many friends since coming here about two years ago. Mr. Hamakar is a Klamath boy, having spent most of his life in this city where he has a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who respect him for his many good qualities.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamakar will reside in this city.



Arrested For Permitting Gambling in Owl Saloon

On complaint of City Marshal C. C. Low, a warrant was issued from the police court this afternoon for the arrest of W. C. Foulks, the proprietor of the Owl saloon, on the charge of permitting and entering into gambling in his place of business.

The story of the raid by the marshal is that about 7 o'clock Wednesday evening he stepped into the Owl saloon, and upon hearing a disturbance in the back room opened the door and walked in. There was every evidence that cards had been played for money and the marshal took the money in sight, amounting to \$25.55.

Much Liquor On Hand

Sheriff Silas Obenchain is now the largest liquor dealer in the city. He has not yet decided upon what disposition to make of his stock. Local option goes into effect on the first day of July, and after that time it will be illegal for him to dispose of the stuff, the same as for

any other liquor dealer. It is very probable that he will turn his whiskey business over to his successor along with the sheriff's office.

If the stocks of the saloons recently attached are not disposed of until the county becomes dry it will be up to the creditors to divide the spoils and export them to some district that permits the sale of liquors. If, however, the creditors should decide to make some disposition of the goods before July 1st the stock can be sold at sheriff's sale.

Medford Coal Mine

The Pacific Coal company of Los Angeles, Cal., has paid \$10,000 upon the purchase price of the Medford coal mine, having done nine months of development work and being confident that they have an immense body of coal, that only awaits taking out to make them a fortune. Fifteen thousand dollars is due September 7, and \$25,000 on December 7, which will close the deal.

NO NEED FOR ALARM

Occupation Tax Will Likely Not Become Excessive

SOURCES OF REVENUE PROPOSED

Most Business Men Favor Reasonable Occupation Tax to Help Pay Current Expenses—May Bond City to Pay Its Warrant Indebtedness

University Bill Vote

Complete official returns from all counties but Harney and Wheeler show that the University of Oregon appropriation bill has passed by a majority of 3600. The returns from the above counties will not change the result materially for their vote is light and will probably break about even on the university question. Multnomah county has given the bill a majority of 9480, instead of 8370 as first announced.

The discussion on the occupation tax question is subsiding, but it is still occupying the attention of all of the business men. Most of them are in favor of a light tax, but object to one that will be a burden. The chief trouble that will be encountered in levying a tax of this kind will be to make it equitable. It would be unjust to compel the small merchant to pay as much as the large one, or to make the general merchandise store pay as much as one of the banks of the city. The Mayor and the council will consider the matter fully and will aim to arrive at some conclusion that will be satisfactory to the business men and will also bring a revenue into the city exchequer. It is fully realized that the tax must be levied, and the feeling on the question is not so antagonistic as it was when the Herald first announced the plans of the new administration.

Numerous other sources of revenue are being suggested, and chief among these is a poll tax if it can be legally done. This would add several hundred dollars to the actual income.

The present financial condition is alarming in certain ways, but still the city will have many advantages in liquidating its indebtedness. It is gradually growing and the income will increase in proportion. The policy of bonding the city for a sum sufficient to pay off all of the warrant indebtedness is meeting with favor, and it is very probable that this course will be pursued. Many other cities in Oregon that have not half the prospects and resources of Klamath Falls are in debt far in excess of this city. When the assessed valuation of Klamath Falls, together with the chance for increasing it is taken into consideration, there is no cause to feel seriously alarmed about the future. The revenue from the regular tax and from the occupation tax that will be levied will be sufficient to keep up the current expenses of the city.

Free to School Children

The great colored motion picture, "The Sleeping Beauty," at the opera house tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. All children under the age of 12 will be admitted free of charge. Bring the little ones to see this great child fairy story.

A. O. U. W. Officers

The A. O. U. W. order held its regular election last Tuesday night. W. O. Smith and John Yaden were elected delegates to the Grand lodge, with W. Lennox and Roy Hamakar as alternates. The Grand lodge meets at Portland in July. The following officers were elected:

C. E. Huffman, M. W.; Leslie Rogers, Foreman; Harry Goeller, Overseer; J. W. Siemens, Recorder; Alex. Martin, Jr., Financier; Geo. T. Baldwin, Receiver; Herb Baldwin, Guide; Zim Baldwin, Inside watchman, and W. Lennox, Outside watchman.

Alex. Martin, Jr., was elected a director for a term of three years. This is the fortieth time that Mr. Siemens has been elected to the office of recorder and at the close of this term he will have served the lodge for twenty consecutive years.

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